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BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Rio de Janeiro, March 30, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the omitted report of the foregoing week and the report for the last week:

There were 395 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 16; 24 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, an increase of 9; 68 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 6; 2 deaths from typhoid fever, a decrease of 4; none from diphtheria, a decrease of 1; 11 deaths from beriberi, an increase of 2, and 40 deaths from consumption, a decrease of 20.

Yellow fever.—This sickness has not shown any essential change lately, either in increase or decrease. The appearance can not be considered as epidemic. In spite of the continual high day temperature and want of rain, since about five weeks, there has been no extraordinary extension of the sickness.

In general, yellow fever is looked upon as a sickness which affects the shipping and the localities near the seaboard. In Rio de Janeiro, yellow fever is known as endemic since the season of 1849–50. It is always interesting to know to what extent the sickness has increased on shore and in the port. I have obtained some information on this point, and I can report the following:

All sickness on board of the ships is brought to the knowledge of the authorities, and eventually the sick persons are sent to the Hospital Maritimo de Santa Izabel; therefore, the numbers are very exact.

Cases and deaths from yellow fever on vessels in port, also deaths on shore from October, 1897, to March 25, 1898, inclusive.

Months.	Vessels in port.		Deaths on shore.
	Cases.	Deaths.	
1897.			
During the month of October.....	0	0	0
During the month of November.....	0	0	1
During the month of December.....	0	0	3
1898.			
During the month of January.....	3	0	17
From February 1-11.....	0	1	15
From February 12-18.....	2	1	25
From February 19-25.....	2	2	37
From February 26 to March 4.....	3	1	42
From March 5-11.....	1	1	44
From March 12-18.....	5	2	62
From March 19-25.....	4	1	68
Totals.....	20	9	314

Since last report the following named ships have been inspected and received bills of health from this office: March 24, ship, *Australia*, Norwegian, for Mobile. March 26, steamship, *Lassell*, British, for New York; steamship *Capua*, German, for New York; bark *Violeta*, Portuguese, for New Orleans. March 29, steamship *Balderton*, British, for New Orleans; bark *Elmiranda*, American, for Philadelphia.

Respectfully, yours,

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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL

U. S. MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.